

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for cleaning medical transport boards comprising:

a closed chamber having first and second oppositely facing ends and having a first opening in said first end for receiving a board and a second opening at said second end for passing the board out of the chamber;

a first partition in said chamber spaced from said first end thereof for defining a disinfectant spray section, said spray section including a spray delivery system for spraying disinfectant on all exposed surfaces of the board as the board passes through said spray section, wherein said spray section does not include a brush;

a second partition in said chamber spaced from said second end thereof for defining a rinse water section, said rinse water section including a water delivery system for flowing water over all exposed surfaces of the board as the board passes through the rinse water section, wherein said rinse water section does not include a brush; and

a pair of power driven cylindrical brushes with radial extending bristles located in a brushing section of said chamber between said first and second sections for scrubbing exposed surfaces of the board during passage of the board through the chamber, said brushes being positioned in a plane substantially perpendicular to the board to concurrently engage opposite exposed surfaces of the board and being rotatably driven in a same direction, one of said brushes creating a first force pushing the board toward said first end of said chamber and another of said brushes creating a second force pulling the board toward said second end of said chamber so that the two forces cancel each other allowing the board to be moved by a user using a manual force to push or pull the board in either one direction or another, wherein said brushing section does not include a spray delivery system;

a plurality of spaced nozzles located in each of said spray section and said rinse water section for delivering a liquid spray to all exposed surfaces of the board; and

a high volume, low pressure pump for maintaining a predetermined volume of flow at each of said spaced nozzles for providing soaking of the surfaces of the board for removing discolorations of the board resulting from dried body fluids deposited on the surfaces of the board, said high volume being greater than about 8.5 gallons per minute.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 and including a pre-wetting water dispensing system in said disinfectant spray section, said water dispensing system being disposed for wetting the board prior to spraying of disinfectant thereupon.

3 – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the brushes are located between said first and second partitions.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 and including a storage tank for holding a supply of liquid disinfectant and a tube leading from said tank to said disinfectant spray delivery system, said disinfectant being drawn into said spray delivery system by water pumped through said spray delivery system.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 and including an electric motor mounted outside said chamber and coupled for concurrently driving said brushes.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the low pressure is about 50 pounds per square inch.